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SUBJECT: KORFAN MEDIA ON US-RELATED TOPICS, FEBRUARY 24.
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1. PTS: AM PAPERS FRONTPAGE WITH PHOTO PTS DEPARTURE FROM KIMPO "SURROUNDED BY ABOUT 100 DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWSMEN". PTS QUOTED "I FEEL SORRY THAT PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT I HAVE DONE. I WILL RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER BRINGING THE MATTER TO A HAPPY ENDING." KOREA TIMES NOTES PTS LEFT "WITHOUT A U.S. ENTRY VISA AS HE WILL BE TRAVELLING ON THE SPECIAL AUTHORITY OF U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL". SISTER PAPER, HANGUL ILBO, SAYS PTS TRAVELLING WITH "SPECIAL ENTRY PERMIT FROM U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT". OTHER PAPERS DO NOT MENTION POINT. PM EDITIONS CARRY QUOTES FROM 50 MINUTE PTS INTERVIEW WITH PRESS ON BOARD PLANE. EXCERPTS: "I LONG AGO ABANDONED MY PROPERTY IN U.S.; NEVER ENGAGED IN LOBBYING ACTIVITIES IN VIOLATION OF
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AMERICAN LAW -- MY LOBBYING ACTIVITIES INVOLVING CASH AND OTHER THINGS UNTIL 1975 WAS ALL LEGAL; I WILL EMPHASIZE U.S. HAS BEEN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO KOREA BECAUSE IT IS IN ITS OWN NATIONAL INTEREST AND IT IS NOT RIGHT TO STOP SUCH ASSISTANCE BECAUSE OF MY AFFAIR;" (SEOUL SINMUN ONLY): "IT IS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR U.S. TO TELL ME TO 'COME AND GO', BUT I HAVE MADE UP MY MIND AND HAVE ALREADY GIVEN SINCERE TESTIMONY IN KOREA". ARRIVAL IN HAWAII CARPIED WITH PHOTO.
2. SECDEF BRIWN'S HIRC TESTIMONY CONTINUED AS FRONT PAGE NEWS. TONGA ILBO EDITORIAL PRAISES SPEECH NOTING "ITS SIGNIFICANCE IS THAT THE SPEECH DISCARDED THE VAGUENESS OF PREVIOUS PROMISES AND PUT FORTH IN CONCRETE TERMS THE METHOD AND MEANS OF U.S. RESPONSE".
3. SMALL FRONTPAGF COVERAGE, WITHOUT COMMENTARY OR ANY ROKG REACTION, TO NYTIMES ARTICLE ON SENATOR STEVENSON'S WARNING THAT EXIM LOAN APPROVAL WILL BE WITHHELD "UNTIL ROKG

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PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE PTS AFFAIR". STORY NOTES ROKG HAS ALREADY BEEN NOTIFIED BY STEVENSON OF THIS POSITION.

4. ROKG OFFICIALS' TESTIMONY:
WASHINGTON ORIENT PRESS QUOTES DOS SPOKESMAN 2/23: "DOS HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM CONGRESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S HELP IN SETTLING THE ISSUE OF KOREAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' TESTIMONY".

5. HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT:
DOS SPOKESMAN: "THE DEPARTMENT FULL-HEARTEDLY AND

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RESOLUTELY STANDS BY THE (HUMAN RIGHTS) REPORT SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS". ORIENT PRESS NOTES LATTER STATEMENT DECISIVELY PUTS ASIDE (KOREAN: 'WITH ONE SWIFT KICK') "OBJECTION RAISED BY SOME QUARTERS" TO CONTENT OF REPORT.

6. GENERAL STILLWELL: PAID COURTESY CALL MORNING 2/24 AND LATER HAD LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT PARK. NO COMMENTS OR QUOTES.

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